THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) According to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) survey of the year 1997, the percentage of BPL families in respect of KBK Districts varies between 61.06% to 83.81%. All Districts of the regions receive Backward Region Grant Fund from Govt. of India.

As per the Census 2001, the percentage of tribal population to the total population in each of the KBK Districts, varies between 9.78% to 57.43%.

KBK region has medical facilities as is evident from the fact that in this region, there are 8 District Headquarter Hospitals, 5 Sub-divisional Hospitals, 23 other Hospitals, 53 Community Health Centres, 31 Primary Health Centres, 250 Primary Health Centres (new), 1386 Health Sub-Centers and 90 Mobile Health Units. In addition, there is one Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital in the District headquarters of Bolangir and 144 Ayurvedic and 102 Homoeopathic Dispensaries.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Overcharging in AIIMS

1284. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently, cases relating to over charging in AIIMS from patients and financial mismanagement have been detected; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the corrective measures taken by Government to avoid such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Complaints has been received through Joint Commissioner of Police, Crime, Delhi alleging, *inter alia*, that CN Centre of AIIMS was overcharging and not refunding excess money collected from patients. The matter was enquired into. The Institute Body, based on the report asked Director, AIIMS to

furnish his response. Director, AIIMS has submitted his preliminary response before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and matter is *sub-judice.*

Donations from Bill Gates Foundation

1285. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has shown keen interest to lend its helping hand in eradicating some deadly diseases in the country;

(b) if so, the funds released to each disease by the Foundation during the last three years;

(c) the funds utilized especially in Andhra Pradesh, disease-wise; and

(d) the number of patients benefited in each category, gender-wise, urban-wise and rural-wise in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) funds research, development and targeted interventions for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS in six States.

(b) As per information provided by the Foundation Rs. 317.01 crores have been disbursed so far. Out of which, Rs. 132.98 crores in 2004-05 and Rs. 184.03 crores in 2005-06 have been disbursed respectively.

(c) Rs.31.77 crores have been disbursed so far for HIV/AIDS prevention and control programme in Andhra Pradesh.

(d) A total of 1,16,500 beneficiaries were covered in Andhra Pradesh which includes 89,000 female sex workers and 27,500 male sex workers and transgender. Roughly 70,000 beneficiaries were from the urban areas and 46,500 from the rural areas.

Bird flu control measures

1286. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has reported resurgence of dreaded Avian Influenza in India;